

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

# VEHICLE INDUSTRY NEWS

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## Subject: Clean Air Vehicle Decal Program

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### Background

Recent legislation with a July 1, 2000, operative date requires the department to issue identifying decals to vehicles which meet Federal Inherently Low Emission Vehicle (ILEV) standards and California Ultra-low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) and Super Ultra-low Emission Vehicle (SULEV) emission standards. The decals allow single-occupant ILEVs and ULEV/SULEVs to use the carpool (diamond) lanes in California.

Only vehicles which meet Federal ILEV standards **and** California's ULEV/SULEV emission standards and are designated as such on their manufacturer emission labels qualify for the decals. Electric vehicles are Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) and meet all ILEV and ULEV/SULEV emission standards.

**NOTE:** Hybrid vehicles, which use both gas and electricity do not meet Federal ILEV emission standards and do not qualify for the decals.

### Motive Power

To qualify for the Clean Air Vehicle Decals, the vehicle's motive power must be one of the following:

E—Electric

P—Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)

N—Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)

If the motive power is other than E, P, or N **or** the emission label does **not** indicate ILEV, ULEV or SULEV, the vehicle does **not** qualify for the decals.

### Procedures

You may submit applications for Clean Air Vehicle Decals beginning June 15, 2000. The decals will be issued after July 1, 2000.

#### Dealers

When submitting an application for Clean Air Vehicle Decals:

- Ensure that the vehicle meets Federal ILEV standards and California's ULEV/SULEV emission standards by checking the [attached Air Resources Board's Existing AB71-Compliant Vehicles List](#). If the vehicle is not listed, physically verify the vehicle's emission label for compliance. (See [attached examples](#).)

**NOTE:** No verification is required for electric vehicles unless otherwise required for the transaction.

<i>If the motive power is...</i>	<i>then...</i>
E—Electric	Write “ZEV” on the top right hand corner of the Application for Original Registration (REG 397).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P—Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) or</li> <li>• N—Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)</li> </ul> and the vehicle is being sold on an Application for Original Registration (REG 397)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify that the vehicle is on the list or that ULEV or SULEV <b>and</b> ILEV appear on the vehicle’s emission label.</li> <li>• Write “ULEV” or “SULEV” in the top right hand corner of the REG 397.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P—Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) or</li> <li>• N—Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)</li> </ul> and the vehicle is being sold on a Used Vehicle Report of Sale (REG 51)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify that the vehicle is on the list or that ULEV or SULEV <b>and</b> ILEV appear on the vehicle’s emission label</li> <li>• Write “ULEV” or “SULEV” in the top right hand corner of the REG 51 <b>and</b> on the top right hand corner of the reverse side of the title.</li> </ul>

- Include the Clean Air Vehicle Decal \$8 fee with the application you submit to the department.
- Send the item to:

Special Processing Unit—MS A238  
Department of Motor Vehicles  
PO Box 932345  
Sacramento, CA 94232-3450

**NOTE:** You may submit items with or without a dealer transmittal form.

- Inform the customer that decals will be issued by DMV headquarters and **not** to drive as a sole occupant in the carpool (diamond) lanes until the decals are received and displayed.

### Registration Services Submitting Other Than Dealer Transactions

When submitting an application for Clean Air Vehicle Decals follow these steps:

<i>Step</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	<p>Check the Air Resources Board’s Existing AB71-Compliant Vehicles List for the vehicle. If it is not listed, have a licensed vehicle verifier inspect the vehicle to ensure that it meets Federal ILEV standards <b>and</b> California’s ULEV/SULEV emission standards. The verifier will complete the Vehicle Verification on an Application for Registration or Title (REG 343), and write, in the REMARKS box, “ULEV” or “SULEV” as indicated on the emission label.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Electric vehicles are “zero emission” and meet ILEV and ULEV/SULEV emission standards. No verification is required for electric vehicles unless otherwise required for the transaction.</p>

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<i>Step</i>	<i>Action</i>
2	<p>Have your customer complete and sign an Application for Plates, Stickers, Documents (REG 156) (<b>REV. 6/2000</b>). Be sure the customer checks the appropriate ULEV, SULEV, or ZEV box.</p> <p><b>or</b></p> <p>If the 6/2000 revision of the REG 156 is not available, have your customer complete a Statement of Facts describing the vehicle, including whether it is a ULEV, SULEV, or ZEV, and stating that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The vehicle qualifies for the California Clean Air Decal program, <b>and</b></li> <li>• The application is for “original” or “replacement” Clean Air Vehicle Decals, as appropriate.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Customers who have a fleet of like vehicles may submit one REG 156 or Statement of Facts for the entire fleet. A list identifying each of the vehicles must be attached, and the REG 156 or Statement of Facts must indicate that the application is for a fleet.</p>
3	Include the \$8 Clean Air Vehicle Decal fee with the application you submit to the department.
4	<p>Send the item to:</p> <p>Special Processing Unit—MS A238 Department of Motor Vehicles PO Box 932345 Sacramento, CA 94232-3450</p>
5	Inform the customer that decals will be issued by DMV headquarters within 30 days and <b>not</b> to drive as a sole occupant in the carpool (diamond) lanes until the decals are received and displayed.

### Decal Format

Clean Air Vehicle Decals will look like the sample below. There will be one set of three decals issued to each vehicle—one 7-inch decal for each rear quarter panel and one 5-inch decal for the rear bumper.



### Statutory Authority

Vehicle Code Sections 5205.5, 21655.9

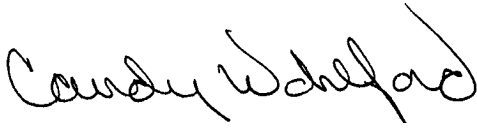
## **Distribution**

This memo was distributed in June 2000 to the following:

- Dealers
- Registration Services

## **Contact**

- The California Air Resources Board (ARB) at (626) 575-6844 with questions regarding the Clean Air Decal program.
- The DMV Customer Communications Section at (916) 657-6560 for further clarification of this memo. Upon request, this document can be produced in Braille or large print.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Candy Wohlford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

CANDY WOHLFORD, Deputy Director  
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